



## Washington State Legislature

13 February 2007

The Honorable Christine O. Gregoire  
Governor, State of Washington  
Legislative Building  
Olympia WA 98404

Dear Governor Gregoire:

As the gambling compact between the State of Washington and the Spokane tribe is now before you, we are writing to strongly urge you to reject this compact. It is an unnecessary expansion of gambling, and it is bad public policy for the citizens of this state.

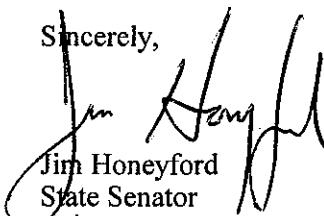
As someone who has expressed opposition to gambling expansion, you certainly must recognize that this is the most generous compact to date. The Spokanes will have a higher allocation of machines and higher wagers on those machines than any other tribe. The tribe will be allowed more tables and longer hours than any other tribe. It is clear that other tribes are interested in the Spokane compact, and that if the compact is signed, the future will bring a continued expansion of gambling.


Your endorsement of this compact is the next necessary step for the tribe to pursue off-reservation gaming. As you are aware, the tribe has already submitted an application to the Department of the Interior seeking the ability to open a casino on off-reservation property located at Airway Heights. Without this compact, it would be extremely difficult for the tribe to continue to pursue this option.

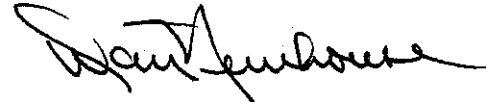
As Governor, you have the ability to stop this. The citizens of this state expressed their collective opinion on expanded gambling in 2004 through I-842. We simply ask that you support the citizens of the state and refuse to approve the compact.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
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State Representative  
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